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ECONOMIC DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE

EDIC Case No. 4
Control No. 2117
3 March 1955

SUBJECT 25X1X7

Proposal for Exchange of Information on
China Trade

REQUESTING AGENCY AND DATE

POA/MDAC; 7 February 1955

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF INFORMATION

As soon as possible

PROPOSED USE

25X1X7 [REDACTED] appropriate to NSA/C, State, and USA/ST in responding to the proposal outlined in Background, below.

BACKGROUND AND REFERENCES

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Background - [redacted] has proposed to the USDEL an exchange of statistical information on the volume of commerce in strategic commodities to China via the European Soviet bloc. [redacted] has supplied some information 25X1X6 and has urged that similar U.S. information be supplied him in return. He referred also to the desirability of further bilateral or trilateral discussions on exchange of such information. USRO/ST requested Washington comments on the proposed exchange which the Executive Committee on 4 February tentatively approved subject to concurrence by the intelligence community.

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This proposal was discussed by EDIC at its 11 February meeting when members were requested to consider a project covering: a) evaluation of the information provided by [REDACTED] and, b) preparation of a paper that can be released to the [REDACTED] 25X1X6 25X1X7

25X1A2g [REDACTED] requesting clarification of the [REDACTED] proposal and additional information regarding the "statistics" which he has furnished, has been sent to USRO/ST. 25X1X6 25X1A2g

References - [REDACTED] 11 January 1955; [REDACTED]
14 February 1955; Memorandum of 7 February 1955 from MDAC Member to Acting Chairman, EDIC.

ASSIGNMENT OF PRODUCTION AND/OR ACTION RESPONSIBILITIES

At the 11 February meeting, the Acting Chairman agreed to contact the EIC regarding use of extracts from the EIC R-1 series and requested the MDAC to inquire into the use of DCN facilities for purposes of this exchange. This case is held in suspense pending a response to the requirements sent to USRO/ST.

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